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New Third Circuit judge to take office on Dec. 30

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ST. MARYS, W.Va. – Timothy L. Sweeney, the newly appointed judge in the Third Judicial Circuit, will be sworn into office at 2 p.m. on Dec. 30 in the courtroom of the Pleasants County Courthouse in St. Marys.

Acting Governor Earl Ray Tomblin appointed Mr. Sweeney, of St. Marys, on Dec. 8. He fills the vacancy left by the September death of Judge Robert Holland. Supreme Court Chief Justice Robin Jean Davis previously appointed Senior Status Judge Robert Stone of Monongalia County to serve in the Third Circuit, which includes Pleasants, Ritchie, and Doddridge Counties, until the successor appointed by the governor was sworn in.

“I have known Tim for years. He’ll be a wonderful addition to the judiciary,” Chief Justice Davis said.

Mr. Sweeney has served as Pleasants County prosecutor since 1985. He has been an attorney for nearly 30 years, including several years in private practice with law firms that include: White & Sweeney, Sweeney & Ballard, the Sweeney Law Firm, and nine years serving as the general counsel of Pleasants County Bank. He is the former president and general counsel for the Pleasants Memorial Estates and the St. Marys Motel, Inc.

Mr. Sweeney is a past president of the West Virginia Prosecuting Attorneys Association, a 4-H Foundation volunteer and board member, and the president of the Pleasants County Library Board.

Mr. Sweeney has a bachelor’s degree in business administration from West Virginia University and a law degree from West Virginia University College of Law.

“It will be an honor to serve as judge for folks in the Third Circuit. I am looking forward to getting to work on the court docket,” Mr. Sweeney said.

He and his wife, Charlene, have four children.

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